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SUBJECT: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LETTER - COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION (NRC INSPECTION REPORT 05000397/2008001)

Dear Mr. Parrish:

On February 5, 2008, the NRC staff completed its performance review of the Columbia Generating Station. Our technical staff reviewed performance indicators for the most recent quarter and inspection results for the period from January 1 through December 31, 2007. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of our assessment of your safety performance during this period and our plans for future inspections at your facility.

This performance review and enclosed inspection plan do not include security information. A separate letter designated and marked as "Official Use Only--Security Information" will include the security cornerstone review and resultant inspection plan.

Overall, Columbia Generating Station operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety and fully met all cornerstone objectives. Plant performance for the most recent quarter, as well as for the first three quarters of the assessment cycle, was within the Licensee Response column of the NRC's Action Matrix, based on all inspection findings being classified as having very low safety significance (Green) and all performance indicators indicating performance at a level requiring no additional NRC oversight (Green). Therefore, we plan to conduct reactor oversight process baseline inspections at your facility.

The enclosed inspection plan details the inspections, except those related to physical protection scheduled through June 30, 2009. The inspection plan is provided to allow for the resolution of any scheduling conflicts and personnel availability issues well in advance of inspector arrival onsite. Routine resident inspections are not listed due to their ongoing and continuous nature. The inspections in the last nine months of the inspection plan are tentative and may be revised at the midcycle review.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

If circumstances arise which cause us to change this inspection plan, we will contact you to discuss the change as soon as possible. Please contact me at (817) 860-8148 with any questions you may have regarding this letter or the inspection plan.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Columbia Generating Station Inspection/Activity Plan

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Inspection / Activity Plan
03/01/2008 - 06/30/2009

Unit Number	Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site	Planned Dates Start	Planned Dates End	Inspection Type
	RP-ORS1	**- OCCUPATIONAL RADIATION SAFETY - ACCESS**	**1**			
2	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		04/07/2008	04/11/2008	Baseline Inspections
2	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		04/07/2008	04/11/2008	Baseline Inspections
2	IP 71151-OR01	Occupational Exposure Control Effectiveness		04/07/2008	04/11/2008	Baseline Inspections
2	IP 71151-PR01	RETS/ODCM Radiological Effluent		04/07/2008	04/11/2008	Baseline Inspections
	EP1	**- EP EXERCISE**	**3**			
2	IP 7111401	Exercise Evaluation		09/08/2008	09/12/2008	EP Baseline Inspection
2	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes		09/08/2008	09/12/2008	EP Baseline Inspection
2	IP 71151-MS06	MSPI - Emergency AC Power System		09/08/2008	09/12/2008	Baseline Inspections
	RP-ORS2	**- OCCUPATIONAL RADIATION SAFETY - ALARA**	**1**			
2	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		08/25/2008	08/29/2008	Baseline Inspections
2	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		08/25/2008	08/29/2008	Baseline Inspections
2	IP 71151-OR01	Occupational Exposure Control Effectiveness		08/25/2008	08/29/2008	Baseline Inspections
2	IP 71151-PR01	RETS/ODCM Radiological Effluent		08/25/2008	08/29/2008	Baseline Inspections
	EB1-17T	**- 50.59 & PERMANENT PLANT MODS**	**3**			
2	IP 7111102	Evaluation of Changes, Tests, or Experiments		12/01/2008	12/12/2008	Baseline Inspections
2	IP 7111117B	Evaluations of Changes, Tests, or Experiments & Permanent Plant Modifications		12/01/2008	12/12/2008	Baseline Inspections
	REQUAL	**- BIENNIAL REQUAL**	**5**			
2	IP 7111111B	Licensed Operator Requalification Program		12/08/2008	12/12/2008	Baseline Inspections
	EXAM	**- INITIAL EXAMINATION**	**8**			
2	X02376	COLUMBIA GENERATING-INITIAL EXAM (07/2008)		12/15/2008	12/19/2008	Not Applicable
2	X02376	COLUMBIA GENERATING-INITIAL EXAM (07/2008)		01/12/2009	01/17/2009	Not Applicable
	EB1-08	**- INSERVICE INSPECTION**	**2**			
2	IP 7111108G	Inservice Inspection Activities - BWR		05/11/2009	06/12/2009	Baseline Inspections
	RP-ORS3	**- OCCUPATIONAL RADIATION SAFETY - ALARA**	**1**			
2	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		05/04/2009	05/08/2009	Baseline Inspections
2	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		05/04/2009	05/08/2009	Baseline Inspections
2	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		05/04/2009	05/08/2009	Baseline Inspections
	RP-ORS4	**- OCCUPATIONAL RADIATION SAFETY - ACCESS**	**1**			
2	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		05/11/2009	05/15/2009	Baseline Inspections
2	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		05/11/2009	05/15/2009	Baseline Inspections
2	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		05/11/2009	05/15/2009	Baseline Inspections

This report does not include INPO and OUTAGE activities.
This report shows only on-site and announced inspection procedures.

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